

## Pension Application for Jason Babcock

S.28635

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four personally appeared in open court before H. Vankubacker, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Rensselaer aforesaid now sitting Jason Babcock a resident of the Town of Petersburg in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged twenty eight years who first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States & Served as herein after stated. That was born in the Town of Hopkinton in the State of Rhode Island, in the year 1756—that his age is recorded in the Town Clerk's office in the Town of Hopkinton in the State of Rhode Island that he has a record of his age in his family Bible that when he entered the service of the United States he was living in the Town of Little Hoosick in the State of New York.—

He entered the service of the United States in a company commanded by Captain Austin Odell, Lieut. Stephen Randall, Lieut-Col'n Benjamin Randall commanded the Regiments that he was sergeant of said company that from age the loss of memory he cannot recollect the precise month he entered the service but believes it was the month of May 1778. That he was march[ed] to Fort Edward Saratoga, Bennington, [Harrisbridge?] that he continued in the service in the capacity of Sergeant for the tour of five months during the year 1778, that when not in service he stood as minute man subject to be called upon at any moment in the spring of seventeen hundred & seventy nine he was again called into service of the United States as a sergeant in the same company & was marched to the same places as above stated & continued in the service during that year, the term of [seven?] under the officers above named he was not [??] but had as a minute man in the year 1782. He thinks the winter of that year he was again called into service as Sergeant in the same company, under the same officers, Joshua Randall was then elected ensign that they searched & scouted the adjacent country [??] & protect the Inhabitants against the attacks of the Tories & Indians that he served during the year 1782, the full term of six months, that he received no written discharge but was held as a minute man until the close of the war—and this declarant further says that during the years 1778, 1779, & 1782 when not actually marching he spent much time in warning men and on alarms. The precise time thus spent he cannot recollect and this declarant further states that all his services were performed as a volunteer. That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no other persons than those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed by whom his services in the Revolution can be proved—he has resided in Petersburg since 1778, then called Little Hoosick that the names of the persons residing in his neighbourhood & who are acquainted with him can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Joshua Randall & Budd Steward.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jason Babcock

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk.